

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

YASUDA *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/822,096

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For: **Power-Dividing Device and Axle-
Driving Device For A Working
Vehicle**

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group 1, represented by claims 1-17 and Species I represented by figures 1-9 and claims 1-17 with claim 1 being generic. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

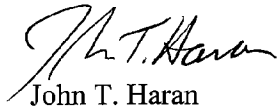
This election is made without traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such

extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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